

# COUNTY LINES

## APRIL 2005

### TCOB MEETINGS

#### Commissioners

4/4 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room

4/18 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room

#### Joint Session of Commissioners & Council with Financial Consultant

4/12 Noon Tippecanoe Room

#### Council

4/12 2:00 pm Tippecanoe Room



### ANNIVERSARIES:

#### 35 YEARS

Daniel Cordell

#### 20 YEARS

Scott Hodson

Margaret Miteff

#### 15 YEARS

Patrick Scowden

#### 5 YEARS

Dustin Winger

Linda Phillips

WAZA-ARZOA

### FYI from the TREASURER'S OFFICE regarding PROPERTY TAXES...

\$ 1<sup>st</sup> installments of property taxes are due May 10, 2005.

\$ 2<sup>nd</sup> installments of property taxes are due November 10, 2005.

\$ Partial payments are acceptable at any time. Keep in mind the full amount due must be paid on or before each due date to eliminate a 10% penalty.



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County Lines suggests that you make a suggestion. Each building has an employee suggestion box awaiting your input. No need to sign your name. Your ideas and



honest comments are what we're seeking. Even if it's been said before... say it

again! Don't know where to find a suggestion box? Check the last page of this issue of County Lines.

### MEMO from HUMAN RESOURCES

#### Prescriptions

Beginning April 1, 2005, you will be able to purchase 90-day prescriptions at retail (local pharmacy) prices. You will still have to pay the \$100 front-end deductible and 3 co-pays (\$7 for generic, \$15 for preferred brand or \$30 for non-preferred brand) when you have a prescription filled. The advantage to this prescription option is convenience-- you go to the pharmacy once every three months rather than monthly.

The mail order and retail (prescriptions filled monthly at the local pharmacy) prescription options will still be available.

#### Life/AD&D Insurance

National Insurance Services is now providing the County's Life/AD&D insurance. Lafayette Life Insurance, a local company, is the underwriter. As a reminder, the Life and AD&D insurance policies are \$40,000 each. The County pays the premium.

#### Apply On-Line

Applications for employment are now being accepted on-line. To apply on-line, go to the County's website [www.tippecanoe.in.gov](http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov), click on Jobs at the County.

#### Question

The County has been approached about offering free financial planning services. If you would like to see this service offered as a benefit, please email Linda Horton.

If you park in the COUNTY PARKING GARAGE, please let us know when change your NAME, CAR, ADDRESS, or LICENSE PLATE. Questions or comments, call Susan Timmons at 597 or email [parking@county.tippecanoe.in.us](mailto:parking@county.tippecanoe.in.us)

**Mindy Anderson**, office manager for the **Highway Engineer's Office**, thanks **Becky Grimsley** of **MITS** who has been instrumental in coordinating the many web masters (mostly novice) for our new County website. Mindy states that **Becky** has been very helpful, patient, courteous, and fun to work with- not to mention that she made it seem so easy. As the **Highway Department's** new web master, **Mindy** has learned a lot and looks forward to maintaining the **Highway** web page. **KUDOS** to **Diane Hawkins** and her competent **MITS** staff for all they do.



## NO MORE PAGERS for MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

	EXT	SITE	CELL PHONE
MIKE HAAN, DIRECTOR	341	@ 629	404-9556
MIKE RUSSELL, ASSIST.	774	@ 629	426-3731

	EXT	SITE	CELL PHONE
DAYS			
KATHY RAMEY	774	@ 629	479-7561
DENNIS CHAPMAN	211	@ CH	479-4841
PENNY HUFFMAN	201	@ CH	479-7425
PENNY HUFFMAN	301	@ TCOB	479-7425
BRIAN CRAMMER	118	@ TCOB	479-6112
DICK ENGLER			479-6162

	EXT	SITE	CELL PHONE
NIGHTS			
HAZEL ZETTEE		@ CH	479-7562
JERRY SCHUH	301	@ TCOB	479-7563

If you have news or information for  
COUNTY LINES, email Linda Horton.

*County Park Department Naturalist Mary Cutler extends this invitation to you:*

### CALLING ALL NATURALISTS AND NATURALIST WANNA-BEs to "WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

Natural History Workshop/Fieldtrips 1-3pm or Evening

Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Leapin' Lily Pads! (Frogs & Toads)

Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Woodland Gems (Spring Wildflowers)

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Hidden Treasures in Vernal Pools!

Mary Cutler-----LNC

Chris & Jim Brewster---MS

Mary Cutler-----LNC

→ These programs are free and open to the public! ←

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): Lindberg Rd in West Lafayette

MS (Michaud-Sinninger/Cumberland Woods): In West Lafayette--meet in athletic complex parking lot on Salisbury St. just north of Cumberland Ave.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM, contact:**

Mary Cutler(567-2993), Brian Tunis(775-5124), Joan Mohr Samuels(567-7023;mohrsamuels @insightbb.com)

### SPONSORED BY

Mary Cutler - Naturalist, Tippecanoe Co. Park & Recreation Dept.  
Brian Tunis - Beautification & Stewardship Dir., WL Parks & Recreation  
Sycamore Audubon Society

West Central Chapter of INPAWS (Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society)



**Mary Cutler**, naturalist for our Park and Recreation Department, was recently selected as one of Project Learning Tree's National Outstanding Educators for 2005 for her excellent job of creatively integrating Project Learning Tree into her environmental education work over the course of her career. In recognition of her efforts, she is invited to participate in two exceptional recognition and learning opportunities this year: Mary will be recognized at the 3-day 19<sup>th</sup> annual PLT International Coordinators' Conference in Welches, Oregon in June. Also, Mary is invited to join the World Forestry Center's Summer International Educators Institute, held in Portland, Oregon, July 23-30. All expenses are paid for both trips. **Congratulations, Mary!**

# April 10 to 16 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week

This is truly a landmark year for crime victims and survivors and those who serve them. Twenty-five years ago, President Ronald Reagan declared the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week in 1981 and soon after issued an Executive Order that established the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is dedicated to the memory of President Reagan, who was truly a pioneer in promoting victims' rights and services through public policy and program development initiatives. In addition, he had a strong national vision that, for the first time, articulated the plight of victims. The theme of the Silver Anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "JUSTICE ISN'T SERVED UNTIL CRIME VICTIMS ARE". This simple yet powerful message focuses attention on victims' needs for justice, for comprehensive services to help them once in the aftermath of crime, and for the right to be treated with dignity and compassion by our criminal and juvenile justice systems and society.

*Many thanks to Kris Emerson, Victim Advocate Coordinator for the Prosecutor, as well as the other Victim Advocates, for the very important jobs they perform daily.*

**HELP** is at your fingertips.

Call extension **711** for help with all computer, printer or phone problems. If you contact **MITS** directly, by dialing individual extensions, they may not be able to respond to your question immediately. Or, you may send an email with the problem or question to **Helpdesk**. When sending the email, **please** put your question in the body of the email. Thanks.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year, hundreds of children are abused and neglected in Tippecanoe County. To raise awareness of alarming statistics like this, Tippecanoe CASA and the Tippecanoe Child Abuse Prevention organization are hosting events to support national efforts to fight child abuse throughout the month of April. Community members are encouraged to take part. Come join us for two special events. E-mail the CASA office for more information [casa@county.tippecanoe.in.us](mailto:casa@county.tippecanoe.in.us)

**Proclamation**, Courthouse Fountain.....4/07/05 Noon

**Prevent Child Abuse Luncheon**, YWCA.....4/28/05 11:30 AM



Tippecanoe County's

**Soil and Water Conservation District** was recognized recently in the Journal & Courier as **a fine example** for other conservation agencies to follow. Check it out:

**A 'roadmap': Conservation agency makes five-year plan**

([www.lafayettejc.com/news20050309/200503099local\\_news1110345518.shtml](http://www.lafayettejc.com/news20050309/200503099local_news1110345518.shtml))

To view the article, click on the headline link above. If your email browser does not allow for the viewing of web pages, copy and paste the article's web address, shown in parentheses, into the address bar of your internet browser.

GREAT WEST apologizes for the incorrect website information recently mailed to us. The correct address is [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com)

County Employee **Suggestion Boxes** are located in the following places:

- 1) TCOB – 1<sup>st</sup> floor break room
- 2) Courthouse – 5<sup>th</sup> floor break area
- 3) 629 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street - kitchen
- 4) Sheriff – break room
- 5) Community Corrections – around the corner from the main desk
- 6) Cary Home – underneath the time clock
- 7) Extension Office – break room
- 8) Parks Department – main desk in the office
- 9) Soil & Water – on counter in cubicle area
- 10) Highway Garage – just outside the office doors
- 11) Villa – by the time cards
- 12) Court Services – communications room

